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Central Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

COLUMBUS — A former Franklin County school board member will be honored with the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) most esteemed award.

The late Robin Comfort, who served on the Upper Arlington City Schools Board of Education for 12 years until her death in July, will be recognized as a 2019 All-Ohio School Board member on Sunday, Nov. 10, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus. OSBA Chief Executive Officer Rick Lewis will introduce All-Ohio School Board members on the first day of the 64th annual conference, a three-day event attended by more than 9,000 Ohio public school board members, administrators and other education stakeholders.

Each year, OSBA names one board of education member from each of its five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest — to the All-Ohio School Board. The award recognizes outstanding service to public education and represents the dedication shown by thousands of board members across the state.

All-Ohio School Board candidates are nominated by their respective school boards. OSBA regional committees then select the five winners.

Comfort, who represents OSBA's Central Region, was elected three times to the Upper Arlington City Schools board.

"She understood the magic that happens in our schools and always did everything she could to support our students and staff," Superintendent Dr. Paul W. Imhoff wrote in an email to staff following Comfort's death. "Along with her time on the board of education, she also volunteered with the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and in our schools."

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Comfort was involved in the district's facilities master plan to renovate and rebuild six buildings and served on several committees.

"Under her leadership, the board approved a long-term, financially sensible master plan for our aging schools," her colleagues wrote in nominating her. "This plan also enables our community to ensure future generations of students will benefit from modern learning environments and educational experiences designed to prepare them for their futures."

In her community, Comfort was a member of the Upper Arlington Civic Association and Upper Arlington Alumni Association.

Founded in 1955, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school district.

Note to reporters, editors: *If you wish to cover the awards presentation in Columbus on Nov. 10, please contact Angela Penquite, whose contact information is at the top of this release.*